

CLAIMS:

1. A sweeping appliance comprising a housing having a dirt receiving opening, roller means on which the housing is supported and a rotary brush having a plurality of bristles, a lowermost region touching a surface to be cleaned, wherein deflecting means are arranged adjacent the brush and extending into the bristles at an angular distance from the point at which the bristles touch the surface to be cleaned so that as the brush rotates bristles are held behind the deflecting means until their resilience causes them to spring past said deflecting means.
2. A sweeping appliance according to claim 1 wherein the roller means comprise a first pair of wheels and a second pair of wheels all engaging the surface to be cleaned.
3. A sweeping appliance according to claim 2 wherein the rotary brush is coaxial with and connected to the first pair of wheels to rotate therewith.
4. A sweeping appliance according to claim 1 wherein the deflecting means is a blade-like edge or member unitarily formed with or joined to the housing.
5. A sweeping appliance according to claim 5 wherein the blade-like member is disposed to engage the bristles so that they move through an angular distance of about 90° as they spring past said deflector.
6. A sweeping appliance according to claim 1 wherein the rotary brush comprises a central member from which the bristles radially extend.